

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A device is provided that includes a first processor connected to a communications channel device. The communications device is capable of receiving and transmitting information to a video-on-demand (VOD) service provider. A VOD content decoder is provided that is connected to the first processor. A video and audio formatting processor is provided that is connected to the first processor and the content decoder. An index memory is provided that is connected to the first processor. The index memory stores a plurality of VOD program segment representations of either whole VOD program content or partial VOD program content. Also provided is a method that includes selecting a start and stop time for recording a representation of a segment of at least one VOD program. The method also includes converting a VOD program identifier of at least one VOD program to a text representation. Also, either converting the text representation of the VOD program identifier of at least one VOD program into a unique encoded digital representation or receiving a unique encoded digital representation from the VOD service provider. Converting the start and stop time for a segment of at least one VOD program to a digital representation. And storing the VOD program identifier encoded digital representation and the start and stop digital representation in an index memory.